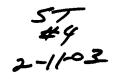


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Torque Controller for Controlling Torque to Two or More Shafts

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

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Other Art

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Case No. 10541/798 TRANSMITTAL LETTER Filing Date Examiner Group Art Unit Serial No. December 28, 2001 10/034,180 N/A 3682 Inventor(s) Perry E. Phelan et al. Title of Invention Torque Controller for Controlling Torque to Two or More Shafts TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; six cited references; and return post card. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27. RECEIVED Petition for a _____month extension of time. FEB 0 7 2003 No additional fee is required. **GROUP 3600** The fee has been calculated as shown below: Small Entity **Small Entity** Highest No. Claims or Remaining Previously Present Add'l Add'l Extra After Paid For Rate Fee Rate Fee Amendment Total Minus x \$9= x \$18= Minus x 42= x \$84= Indep. +\$140= + \$280= First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim \$ Total \$ Total add'l fee add'I fee Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. \boxtimes I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Respectfully submitted. David W. Okey Registration No. 42,959 Attorney for Applicant **BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE** P.O. BOX 10395 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610 (312) 321-4200 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as

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